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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO-1449. A copy of the cited reference is enclosed. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document, and evidence that consideration of relevant portions thereof by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), Applicants, through the undersigned attorney of record, hereby state that no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

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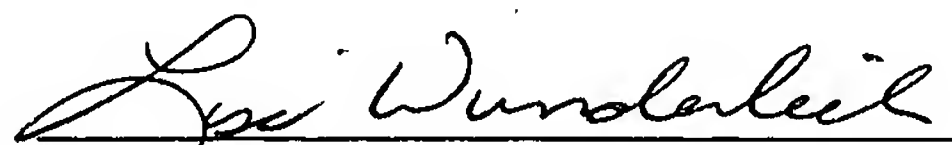
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Respectfully submitted,

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